STATE/UTs	TARGET	PERFORMANCE	%
West Bengal	150000	116032	77
A&N Islands	400	140	35
Chandigarh	4500	2513	56
D&N Haveli	200	102	51
Daman & Diu	100	194	194
Lakshadweep	50	13	26
Pondicherry	4000	3337	83
E.S.I/A.F/C.R.	—	1417	—
TOTAL	2000000	1604928	80

News-item Captioned "Global Network on Diseases Sought"

*432. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item as reported in Hindustan Times dated the 17th March, 1995 under the caption "Global network on diseases sought";

(b) if so, whether the experts of WHO recently observed during a four day meeting the need to check epidemic likely to spread in India and the World;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the concrete steps Government propose to take to face the out-break of any disease?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) WHO Inter-Regional Meeting on Prevention and Control of Plague epidemic held in New Delhi between 13th and 16th March. 1995, observed that World will continue to confront National and International out-breaks and underlined the need for preparedness for effectively preventing & tackling such out-break.

Government has placed emphasis on strengthening? The Public Health System, improving sanitation, supply of portable water and provision of Health Education. The States have been advised to improve disease surveillance and taken steps to establish an early warning system for disease control.

Rate of Infant Deaths in Orissa

*433. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: SHRI O. P. KOHLI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the child mortality rate is on the increase in Orissa;

(b) if so, the main factors responsible therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop the child mortality rate in that state?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The child mortality rate in Orissa has shown a decline from 47.9 per 1000 children 0-4 years in 1984 to 33.4 in 1992. Since 1992 the Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme is being implemented in the State to further reduce mortality and morbidity among children.